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Louise Thompson Patterson was expected to make a trip to NYC in September, 1943, accompanied by [redacted]

On 8/20/43, Louise and [redacted] were making plans for a picnic, apparently to be sponsored by the IWO. On 8/21/43, [redacted] who was employed at IWO headquarters in Chicago, discussed the picnic with Louise.

On 8/23/43, Louise talked to one [redacted] and one [redacted] about the matter of raising money which had been pledged to the IWO. She told [redacted] that the IWO couldn't afford to have its members fighting among themselves the way he and [redacted] were doing as the organization was watched very carefully.

On 8/27/43, Louise advised [redacted] to consider the Lincoln Center as a good place to start a theater on the Chicago South Side.

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On or about 9/1/43, Louise had made arrangements with [redacted] to rent a hall for an (IWO) meeting on 9/12/43.

[redacted] Chicago, was invited (date not stated) to have dinner with Louise Patterson on 9/24/43.

[redacted]  
Chicago Report, 11/15/43  
Re: William Lorenzo Patterson, was.;  
IS(c)  
100-39-41, p. 1-4  
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On [redacted]  
his knowledge of the CP, IWO and other related front groups before the Jenner Committee (Senate Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Act and Other Internal Security Laws) in executive session in Washington, D.C. In his [redacted] stated that he met Louise Thompson, wife of William C. Patterson, in the late [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio, when she was on the executive staff of the IWO. It was her task

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to travel from time to time in order to see how various districts were organized and working. He also met her in 1944, at the IWO Convention in NY, when she was one of the main speakers. She was an efficient worker, and well-liked in the IWO.

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[redacted] the Jenner Committee  
furnished on [redacted]  
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Bureau memo, 2/25/53  
with a photostatic copy of above -  
mentioned testimony as enclosure  
Re: Testimony of [redacted]  
Before the Jenner Committee  
(Character of case not stated)  
100-298780-46, enc. p. 58  
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Appearing on memo was the pencilled notation: "Note: This is Executive Session Testimony".

On 1/18/44, [redacted] of the Abraham Lincoln School; William L. Patterson, assistant director of the School, Louise Thompson (Patterson's wife); [redacted]; and one [redacted] all of Chicago, Illinois, were to have dinner (location not stated), after which they would visit the home of [redacted]  
[redacted] [redacted]

Chicago report, 1/29/44  
Re: Abraham Lincoln School  
(Chicago Workers School); IS-C  
100-11507-202, p. 28  
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The CP was sponsoring a series of classes for CP members to be held from March 4th to March 10th, 1944, at Des Plaines, Illinois. Louise Patterson had been asked to attend the school but declined because of her many activities.

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In connection with the Benjamin Davis (NY councilman) meeting to be held on 2/20/44 at the Wendell Phillips High School, Chicago, Illinois, Louise Thompson had made arrangements for publicity through [redacted] Associated Negro Press. She had also conferred with [redacted] The meeting was sponsored by the Citizens' Victory Committee (CP front organization).

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Louise Thompson Patterson was among the CP members who attended on 2/19/44 a special conference for CP members who recruited a new member by 2/12/44, with Benjamin Davis, held at Forum Hall, Chicago.

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During the 2/20/44 Davis meeting, Louise Patterson was appointed to a committee to handle an appeal for funds to be used to insure the incorporation of facts on Negro history in all American history books. Patterson was seated on the platform during the meeting.

(FISUR and [redacted])

Chicago report, 4/11/44  
Re: CPUSA, District 8, Chicago  
Field Division; IS-C  
100-3-14-2134, p. 7, 9, 10, 12, 13  
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On 2/25/44, [redacted] of the IWO requested Langston Hughes, who was in Chicago to address a meeting (not identified) at the South Branch Library, to contact Louise Thompson of the IWO.

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Identifying data on Patterson set out.

Chicago report, 3/18/44  
Re: Abraham Lincoln School  
(Chicago Workers School); IS-C  
100-11507-231, p. 18, 20  
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According to a circular announcing that the Friends of the "New Masses" in Chicago were sponsoring a meeting at which Bruce Minton, Washington editor of the "New Masses", would discuss "The Secret Plot Against America", on 4/23/44 at the Hamilton Hotel, Louise Thompson was one of the sponsors of the meeting. (Louise Thompson was the wife of William L. Patterson, assistant director of the Abraham Lincoln School.)

(Trash coverage, Abraham Lincoln School, 30 West Washington, Chicago, Illinois, obtained from [redacted] 5/10/44)

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Chicago report, 5/29/44  
Re: Abraham Lincoln School  
(Chicago Workers School); IS-C  
100-11507-263, p. 7  
(7)✓

In May 1944, Louise Thompson was going to NY to ascertain whether or not the IWO would assist in conducting the Joint Anti-Fascist-Refugee Committee's (JAFRC) financial campaign through IWO channels. [redacted]

On 6/9/44, Mrs. Louise Patterson attended a tea held at the Piccadilly Tea Room, Chicago, Illinois, to form a Women's Committee of the JAFRC. [redacted]

Chicago report, 7/27/44  
Re: JAFRC; IS-C  
100-7061-600, p. 3, 5  
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During June 1944, Alfred Wagenknecht (District No. 8 CPA chairman) requested Louise Thompson to attend a (CPA) meeting on 6/16/44 (location not stated).

[redacted] and [redacted]

Early in June 1944, [redacted] of IWO advised [redacted] at CPA headquarters, Chicago, that Louise Thompson would arrange to see him on 6/5/44, inasmuch as she was in Detroit on June 3 and 4, 1944.

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On 6/16/44, Wagenknecht contacted Louise Thompson Patterson concerning a big event (not described) to be held in September which would be backed by the CPA.

On or about 6/26/44, [redacted] of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties (NFCL) requested [redacted] to attend a NFCL meeting on 6/26/44. [redacted] suggested that [redacted] call Louise Thompson Patterson and request that she attend the meeting.

Chicago report, 7/17/44  
Re: CPA, District No. 8 - Chicago  
Field Division; IS-C  
100-3-14-2271, p. 5, 8, 9  
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On June 24 and 25, 1944, the Illinois Midwest Negro People's Assembly held a conference in Chicago. Louise Thompson Patterson attended and spoke briefly, stating that the conference was launching a program that would unify Negroes with all groups that were progressive Americans to make Democracy work. During the conference, Patterson was appointed to the Credentials Committee. She was also appointed to the Continuations Committee which was to hold meetings every night during the Democratic Convention (date and place not stated) asking Negro delegates to attend the meetings and form a working agreement to try to inject some of the assembly's principles into the Convention.

[redacted]  
A "Call to Action" issued (date not stated) by the Negro People's Assembly announcing the above-mentioned conference contained a list of callers of the Assembly, which included the name of Louise Thompson.

(Source not stated)

Identifying data about Patterson set out.

Chicago report, 8/18/44  
Re: Illinois Midwest Negro  
People's Assembly; IS-C  
100-327833-3, p. 9, 19, 20, 21,  
31, 33, 36, 49  
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On 8/21/44, [redacted] of Local No. 453, United Auto Workers (UAW), Chicago, Illinois, and Louise Thompson Patterson discussed a special edition of the "Union News" of Local 453, UAW. [redacted] asked Patterson to send a release concerning IWO activities and to indicate what political activities they were planning.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 1/30/45  
Re: [redacted] IS-C  
100-226074-7, p. 5  
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On 9/5/44, [redacted] of the "New Masses" office in Chicago, Illinois, requested Louise Thompson Patterson to solicit subscriptions for "New Masses" at an IWO meeting (date not stated). [redacted]

Chicago summary report, 1/9/52  
Re: [redacted] was.; SM-C  
100-334361-15, p. 10  
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Soon after 9/13/44, Louise Thompson (Ratterson) was to be in Detroit, Michigan, for an affair to be held at 6326 Hartford Avenue, at which 400 people were expected to be present. On 9/13/44 the IWO had reserved a portion of the main ballroom at the Civic Center for a state committee meeting to be held on 9/21/44.

[redacted]  
Detroit letter, 9/16/44  
Re: IWO; IS-C  
61-7341-15-94  
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[redacted] for the Albany Park Branch of the CPA (Chicago), contacted (date not stated) [redacted] to obtain Louise Patterson's address so that he could request her to obtain domestic help for him.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 10/17/44  
Re: [redacted] was.; SM-C  
100-79286-5, p. 2  
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On 12/30/44, Louise Thompson Patterson presided at a cultural conference held at the Lincoln Center, Chicago, Illinois, sponsored by the South Side Cultural Club, CPA. This conference was called to carry out the initial South Side Cultural Conference (date and place not stated) sponsored by the Abraham Lincoln School. Patterson stated at the 12/30/44 meeting that in the past their work had been confined to party building, organizing and promoting through many and devious routes but through hard work they have acquired educational facilities, the Abraham Lincoln School, and their work would continue through cultural educational work.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 2/28/45  
Re: CPA, District No. 8,  
Chicago Field Division; IS-C  
100-3-14-2543, p. 7  
(12)✓  
SI 61-9530-4, p. 4  
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In February 1945, the IWO maintained a bank account at the Amalgamated Trust and Savings Bank, Chicago, Illinois, and the only persons authorized to sign checks to the account were Louise Thompson (Patterson), [redacted] and [redacted]  
[redacted] [redacted]

Other information in this reference appears in serial 35, p. 7, of subject's main file.

Chicago report, 8/21/53  
Re: [redacted] was.; SM-C  
100-364036-6, p. 11  
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Mrs. Louise Patterson was a sponsor of Negro History Week held in Chicago, Illinois, February 11-18, 1945.  
(Source not stated)

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In the spring of 1945, Louise Thompson Patterson, as general director, spent a considerable amount of time at the Du Sable Lodge 751, IWO offices, holding frequent conferences with Ray Hansbrough, president of the South Side Council of the CPA.

There appeared in the 3/3/45 issue of the "Chicago Defender" a large photograph, captioned "Maywood Citizens Join Du Sable Lodge". An accompanying paragraph stated that Mrs. Patterson was photographed when she was speaking at the benefit (not described) about all the benefits one derived by joining the IWO.

In March 1945, the Du Sable Lodge, under Patterson's leadership, was driving for a membership of 2000.  
(Source not stated)

Chicago report, 4/5/45  
Re: CPA, District No. 8, Chicago  
Field Division; IS-C  
100-3-14-2597, p. 1, 6, 10, 11  
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On or about 3/4/45, [redacted] of the Northwest Side Club, Milwaukee County, CPA, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, addressed a letter to [redacted] (address not given), confirming an invitation to [redacted] to speak as a member of a panel on the problem of discrimination at a forum on 3/14/45 in Milwaukee. In closing, [redacted] asked [redacted] to give his greetings to Mrs. Louise Patterson who had suggested [redacted] name as a speaker.

In March 1945, [redacted] of the Milwaukee Council for American Soviet Friendship and was reportedly going to Chicago to see one Louise Thompson (phonetic).

Milwaukee report, 5/30/45  
Re: CPA, District 18, Milwaukee  
Field Division; IS (C)  
100-3-36-396, p. 47, 86  
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In the spring of 1945, [ ] active in the CPA, was working for Mrs. Louise Patterson, 5341 South Maryland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, [ ]  
(Source not stated)

Chicago report, 4/27/45  
Re: [ ] was.; IS-C  
100-334371-5, p. 1  
(14)✓  
SI 100-334371-4, p. 1  
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Shortly before 5/5/45, at the Haym Solomon Club, in Chicago, [ ] of the Club, asked William L. Patterson, (Chicago CP official) to suggest a speaker for some meeting (not identified). It was finally decided to get Louise Patterson to give the lecture.  
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Chicago report, 9/29/48  
Re: [ ] was.; SM-C  
100-267945-6, p. 2  
(16)✓

On 10/23/44, [ ] (CP member), [ ] Chicago, Illinois, was anxious to get in touch with Louise Thompson Patterson.  
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As of 5/22/45, Louise Patterson was a registered member of the Washington Post Club of the CPA, registration card no. 59641.

(An anonymous source)

Chicago report, 12/8/49  
Re: [ ] wa.; SM-C  
100-366308-1, p. 6  
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On 5/26/45, William L. Patterson and his wife, Louise Patterson, were dinner guests at the home of [redacted]

[redacted] of the Chicago Liberties Committee, [redacted]

[redacted] Chicago, Illinois.

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Chicago report, 6/28/45

Re: [redacted] was.;

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100-16285-17, p. 3

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On 9/13/45, Louise Patterson of Chicago had arrived in NYC, and had stated that William Patterson, her husband, expected to give up his position at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago and to devote his full time to the CP in Illinois.

[redacted]  
NY memo, 9/27/45

Re: William Patterson; IS-C

100-39-72

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Early in November 1945, Louise Patterson contacted Herman Bush of the Chicago Council of American Soviet Friendship with regard to obtaining merchandise for a bazaar to be held at the Du Sable Lodge of the IWO.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 10/28/48

Re: Herman Bush, was.; SM-C

100-338785-14, p. 3

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On 11/25/45 a public conference was held in Chicago, Illinois, attended by 386 representatives from 52 organizations, who elected an action committee for the Committee of Chicago. The purpose of the committee was to distribute GI leaflets and to obtain signatures to a petition to be sent to the War Shipping Administration demanding the return of GI's as fast as possible. Louise Patterson had shown considerable interest in promoting the activities of the Committee of Chicago and had taken an active part in organizing the above - mentioned meeting.

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Chicago report, 1/5/46  
Re: COMINFIL NMU of American  
(Great Lakes); IS-C  
100-32538-130, p. 5  
(14)✓

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On 12/12/45, the Du Sable Lodge, IWO, held a carnival and bazaar at Forum Hall, 322 East 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, to raise funds for the Lodge. Louise Patterson was concerned about the poor attendance at the affair.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 12/20/45  
Re: Foreign Inspired Agitation  
Among the American "egroes in  
the Chicago Field Division; IS  
100-135-9-190, p. 4  
(11)✓

In [redacted] and [redacted] had been active members of the IWO under the direction of Louise Thompson.

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During 1946, Louise Thompson Patterson attended several different meetings of the Negro Commission of the CP, District No. 8, in Chicago:

[redacted]  
Identifying data regarding Patterson set out.

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Chicago report, 8/30/49

Re: [redacted] aka as [redacted]  
Student Aid - Appointee, National  
Bureau of Standards, Washington,  
D.C.; LGE  
121-19226-3, p. 7, 8  
(7)✓

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During January 1946, Louise Patterson was attempting to set up an IWO Strike Support Committee in Chicago, Illinois. (Strike not identified).

[redacted] and [redacted]

Chicago letter, 2/1/46  
Re: IWO, Chicago Field Division;  
IS-C  
61-7341-9-362, p. 1  
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On 1/20/46, Paul Robeson and Cab Calloway appeared at a mass meeting in Chicago, Illinois, held for the purpose of boosting the morale of striking packinghouse workers. Their appearance was sponsored by the South Side Citizens Committee, which had been organized during the strike and was sparked chiefly by Louise Patterson.

(Source not stated)

Chicago report, 3/27/46  
Re: William Lorenzo Patterson, was.;  
IS-C  
100-39-80, p. 2  
(10)✓

In January 1946, Louise Thompson Patterson was spearheading the South Side Citizens Committee, which was set up to aid the Packinghouse strikers.

On 1/8/46, an official of the "UERMWA" - CIO contacted Patterson to obtain permission to make collection speeches for the benefit of United Electrical Workers at IWO meetings.

On 1/9/46, Patterson was planning to attend the 1/10/46 meeting of the Negro Commission of District 8, CP.

On 1/22/46, Patterson and [redacted] South Side Section, CP, spoke critically of [redacted] of the National Negro Congress which caused the Congress to be evicted from its offices.

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Chicago letter, 2/5/46  
Re: IWO, Chicago Field Division (Negro);  
IS-C  
61-7341-9-361, p. 1, 2  
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According to Louise Patterson, [ ] had worked temporarily, a short time prior to 1/29/46, at the Du Sable Lodge of the IWO and was a good worker and did an excellent job.

Chicago report, 12/20/49

Re: [ ] was.;

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100-335976-2, p. 6

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This serial covered the activities of the Negro Du Sable Lodge No. 751, IWO, Chicago, Illinois, for the period of January 1946. The activities of Louise Thompson Patterson, as general director of the Lodge, set out in detail in report were briefly as follows:

Patterson was planning a large city-wide IWO meeting in connection with Negro History Week. She was anxious to properly dovetail the IWO meeting with other CP activities. She was arranging a special seven weeks extension course class for lodge members in cooperation with the Abraham Lincoln School. Louise attended 12/14/45 Lodge meeting, during which it was announced that the Lodge had 2000 adult and 500 children members. Patterson was elected executive secretary of the South Side Citizens Committee to aid the Packinghouse Strikers, and was to use her influence to guide the Committee's activities. She was arranging to have Paul Robeson, Negro singer, to speak at a Committee mass meeting on 1/20/46. Patterson was to speak at a meeting of the United Shoe Workers - CIO on her experiences in Russia, as well as the role of the Negro worker in America.

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Chicago report, 1/18/46

Re: IWO, Chicago Field Division (Negro); IS-C

61-7341-9-358, p. 1-6

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[redacted] During the week previous to Sunday, 2/3/46, [redacted]  
[redacted] (Negro Communist) discussed with Louise Patterson the  
Chicago conference of the IWO to be held at the People's  
Auditorium on 2/3/46.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 6/6/46  
Re: [redacted] IS-C  
100-48011-15, p. 2  
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On or about 2/14/46, [redacted] and  
[redacted] of the South Side Council of the CP in Chicago,  
met with Louise Thompson Patterson. [redacted] Louise  
in a meeting to be held by her IWO Du Sable Lodge (date not  
given).

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Chicago report, 5/13/46  
Re: [redacted] IS-C  
100-41747-16, p. 3  
(11)✓

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In 1944, Louise Thompson was Midwest director of the  
IWO in Chicago, but it was believed that [redacted] would not  
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b2 On or about 2/25/46, Louise Patterson contacted  
b7C [redacted] (possibly [redacted], active in CP  
b7D [redacted], regarding a radio program that the Du Sable  
Lodge No. 751, IWO, was contemplating.  
[redacted]

Identifying data regarding Patterson set out.

Chicago report, 7/25/52 b1  
(S) [redacted] )  
, 65-61054-2, p. 3, 13, 14  
(11)✓  
SI as paragraph 4 above;  
100-1556-164, p. 3  
(12)✓

The written notation, "No dissemination, [redacted] (S) b1  
appeared on this report.

On 2/26/46, [redacted]  
of the Spanish Refugee Appeal, sponsored by the Joint Anti-  
Fascist Refugee Committee (JAFRC), was considering, among others,  
Louise Patterson as a speaker for Negro support at a mass  
meeting by the JAFRC. (No further details)  
(An anonymous source)

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Chicago report, 1/23/50  
Re: [redacted]  
was.; IS-C  
100-266533-16, p. 3  
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Early in March, 1946, Louise Thompson Patterson invited  
[redacted] to attend a meeting of the South Side CP leaders  
in Chicago, Ill. on 3/8/46 and to speak for the IWO Du Sable  
Lodge regarding their membership drive. [redacted] had just  
returned from the scene of a race riot in Columbia, Tennessee.

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At about the same time, Patterson asked one [ ] to give a blessing to the launching of a new (IWO) membership drive to start on 3/8/46. Patterson felt that the small churches would help the drive.

She also invited [ ] of the Packinghouse Workers Union to attend the dinner on 3/8/46.

On 3/11/46, Patterson was to leave for NYC on official IWO business. The JPFO had collected \$75.00 to help finance her trip to NYC.

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Chicago memo, 4/2/46  
Re: TESUR - [ ] IWO  
(Du Sable Lodge No. 751 - Negro);  
IS-C  
61-7341-9-373  
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An IWO State banquet was held at Gary, Indiana, on 3/23/46, which was addressed by Louise Thompson (Patterson) of Chicago.  
(Subject of speech not stated)  
(Source not stated)  
Indianapolis report, 7/1/46  
Re: CPUSA, District #10,  
Indianapolis Field Division; IS-C  
100-3-16-522, p. 34  
(15)✓

On or about 3/28/46, Louise Patterson was on the stage with other reported Communists at a meeting of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, held at Orchestra Hall, Chicago, Illinois.  
(Purpose of meeting not stated)

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Chicago report, 3/13/47  
Re: John Toussaint Bernard;  
IS-C  
100-333-32, p. 3  
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This serial covered the activities of the IWO in Chicago, Illinois, for the period of December, 1945 through March, 1946. Activities of Louise Thompson Patterson, as IWO Midwest Division president, set out in detail in report, were briefly as follows:

Early in October, 1945, Patterson attended an IWO executive meeting in NYC. In January 1946, Patterson suggested that a committee be formed to support the striking Packinghouse Union workers. She spoke at various mass meetings of the strikers. She also held a meeting of all IWO lodges and asked their support for the strikers. At this same meeting, the IWO members were asked to support a new CP weekly newspaper (not identified). Patterson represented the IWO at a Russian War Relief dinner at which Senator Pepper was the guest of honor.

[redacted]  
Trash cover on IWO headquarters in Chicago, Illinois)

Chicago report, 4/5/46.  
Re: IWO in the Chicago Field Division-Midwest Division-  
JPF0; IS-C  
61-7341-9-378, p. 5-7, 9, 10  
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This serial covered the activities of the IWO in Chicago, Illinois, for the period February, March and April 1946. Louise Thompson Patterson's activities as executive secretary of Du Sable Lodge #751-IWO, set out in detail in report, were briefly as follows: Patterson was to attend a Russian War Relief Dinner on 2/23/46. She proposed in February that [redacted] be placed on salary to help her

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(Louise) with the membership campaign. She invited [ ]  
[ ] (of the CP) to attend a meeting on the curriculum of  
Du Sable Lodge. [ ] and [ ] at  
University of Chicago, [ ] met with Patterson  
in February. She was to speak at a meeting of the Independent  
Voters of Illinois on 2/28/46. She invited [ ] of the  
Chicago Civil Liberties Committee, and [ ] of the United  
Packinghouse Workers Union to 3/8/46 meeting of Du Sable Lodge  
leaders. Patterson planned to get 100 new IWO members from the  
Canaan Baptist Church. Louise was in NYC from 3/8/46 to 3/21/46  
working at IWO headquarters. She was to work on a lecture  
course to be sponsored by the Lodge.

[ ] and [ ]  
Chicago report, 6/3/46  
Re: IWO, Chicago Field Division  
(Negro); IS-C  
61-7341-9-385, p. 1-8  
(9)✓

On approximately 5/21/46, Louise Thompson Patterson  
stated that she was going to send a telegram to twenty members  
of Lodge 751, IWO, Chicago, Illinois, asking for their help in  
recruiting 300 new members.

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Chicago memo, 2/12/51  
Re: [ ] aka.;  
Army; LGE  
121-27211-2  
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On 5/21/46, [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, received a telegram from Louise Thompson Patterson, in which she told him to continue to recruit new members for the Du Sable Lodge (IWO) and to come to a membership meeting at the Parkway Community Center (date not stated).

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 6/24/49  
Re: [redacted] SM-C  
100-362763-1, p. 15  
(7)✓

On 5/21/46, Louise Patterson sent telegrams to twenty members of the Du Sable Lodge. The telegram was an appeal to increase efforts in the membership campaign of the Du Sable Lodge (IWO) and requested members to turn in all applications on new recruits.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 1/3/50  
Re: [redacted] SM-C  
100-366722-1, p. 5  
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According to Louise Thompson Patterson, the IWO meeting held on 11/18/45 at the home of [redacted] [redacted] Rockdale, Illinois, to recruit several Negroes into the IWO, had been arranged by [redacted] an active IWO worker.

[redacted]  
At a (CP) convention held August 11 - 12, 1945 (location not stated), Patterson was elected a member of the District Committee of the CP, District 8.

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On or about 5/23/46, Patterson contacted [ ] to see if he could make arrangements for [ ] of the "Chicago Defender" to meet [ ] a Russian writer then in Chicago.

Chicago report. 6/1/49

Re: [ ] was.;

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100-65111-31, p. 8, 21

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On 10/3/49, [ ] McDowell Realty Company, 500 East 63rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, advised that [ ] of the Negro and Allied Veterans of America) resided at [ ] and had obtained his apartment (date not stated) through his [ ] with Mrs. Louise Patterson, a former occupant.

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Mrs. Louise Patterson attended the National Convention of the National Negro Congress held in Detroit, Michigan, on May 30 to June 2, 1946, and was elected to the Executive Board of that organization.

Chicago report. 12/14/49

Re: [ ] was.;

SM-C

100-361752-4, p. 16

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On 6/8/46, Louise Patterson attended a special functionaries' meeting of the CP held at Ashland Auditorium, Chicago, Illinois.

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On 2/25/44, a conference of branch functionaries of the South Side Section of the CP was held at 4951 South Park Way, Chicago. [ ] presided and after outlining the purpose of the meeting which was to take up the organizing of "Negroes" into the IWO, he introduced Louise Thompson. Both [ ] and Thompson were careful not to mention any connection between the CP and the IWO, inasmuch as there were non-Party members in the audience.

[ ]  
Other information in this reference appears in 100-39-154, summarized elsewhere in this summary.

Chicago summary report, 7/9/53  
Re: [ ] SM-C  
100-42869-43, p. 25, 52  
(12)✓

During a mass CP functionaries' conference held 6/16/46 at the headquarters of the South Side Section of the CP, 206 E. 43rd Street, Chicago, Illinois, Louise Patterson and [ ] member of executive board of the South Side Section of the CP, engaged in a debate on the Negro section at the Carver Center.

Chicago report, 3/5/47  
Re: [ ] IS-C  
100-306770-11, p. 2  
(18)✓

On 2/22/46, during a Du Sable Lodge meeting, in Chicago, Illinois, Louise Patterson proposed that [ ] be paid on a salaried basis rather than on commission so that she could share some of Patterson's responsibilities in the (recruiting) campaign.

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In July 1946, the Du Sable Lodge recruiting campaign had fallen short of the original aim because Louise had run into some difficulties with [redacted]

In 1950, [redacted] was no longer active in the IWO, probably due to a "run - in" she had with Louise Thompson Patterson in 1946, the nature of which was not known.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 3/17/50

Re: [redacted] was.;

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100-368203-1, p. 1, 7, 8

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Early in April 1946, [redacted] United Negro and Allied Veterans of America, asked Louise Patterson to help him secure office space in Chicago for his organization.

Early in July 1946, Patterson agreed to help [redacted] relative to the sending of some invitations, the subject of which was not known.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 10/31/47

Re: United Negro and Allied

Veterans of America; IS-C

100-344537-93, p. 2, 3

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b7C [redacted] In October 1946, Louise Patterson invited [redacted]  
[redacted] of Du Sable Lodge #751, IWO) and his family to a  
dinner at [redacted] Chicago, Illinois, at which  
a national organizer of the IWO was to be present. (Sponsor  
of dinner not stated). [redacted]

Identifying data regarding Patterson set out.

Chicago report. 3/30/51

Re: [redacted]

[redacted] - Appointee, Social  
Security Administration, Chicago,  
Illinois, Federal Security Agency;  
LGE

121-28022-8, p. 12

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On 10/19/46, Louise Patterson from Chicago was  
scheduled to speak at a colored meeting (probably of the NAACP)\*  
at the CIO Hall in Peoria, Illinois.  
[redacted]

Springfield report, 1/14/47

Re: CPUSA - District No. 8,  
Springfield Field Division; IS-C  
100-3-15-118, p. 12

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SI 100-71906-158, p. 6

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\*National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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This report covered activities of the South Side Section of the CP in Chicago, Illinois, for the period 6/1/46 through 10/31/46. Activities of Louise Thompson Patterson, who as executive secretary was the directing force in the Du Sable Lodge No. 751, IWO, Chicago, which had the largest IWO membership in the U.S. and was composed mainly of Negroes, set out in detail in report, were briefly as follows:

In June, Louise Patterson was directing a program of establishing church units in order to increase membership in the Du Sable Lodge, IWO. From June to October 1946, Patterson was active in the financial campaign of Du Sable Lodge No. 751, IWO, to purchase a Negro USO Center for \$55,000. The Lodge was to purchase the building, then the CP was to buy it from the Lodge. In connection with the campaign, Patterson was in touch with various District No. 8 CP officials; [redacted] of the IWO; [redacted] of the United Auto Workers Union; and [redacted] of Chicago Mayor Kelly's Committee of Race Relations, to arrange loans, sell shares and plan fund raising events. On 8/2/46, Patterson spoke at an "Anti-Lynching Rally" in Chicago.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 12/23/46  
Re: CPUSA, District No. 8,  
Chicago Field Division; IS-C  
100-3-14-3029, p. 7 - 14, 20  
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Early in November 1946, [redacted] member of the Armour Branch of the CP, [redacted] of the Atomic Club, CP, Chicago, were working with Louise Patterson in making arrangements for the IWO Central Committee luncheon to be held on 11/15/46 with Paul Robeson as guest of honor.

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On 11/15/46, Patterson attended a luncheon held at the Du Sable Lodge, IWO, Workers Center, Chicago.

On 11/20/46, [redacted] and Patterson met at 166 W. Washington Street, Chicago, with trade union leaders of the IWO Workers Center to discuss ways and means of raising \$4500 for use in the reorganization of the Du Sable Lodge, IWO. On 12/5/46, these two met again to discuss the Du Sable Community Project and the raising of money for the project.

Other information in this reference appears in 100-273528-15, summarized elsewhere in this summary.

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Chicago report, 3/21/49

Re: [redacted]

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[redacted] was.; SM-C

100-284892-23, p. 9, 10

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On 12/16/46, a meeting of the Chicago CP leaders in their respective fields was called by Louise Patterson to discuss the make-up of the governor's board of the Du Sable Workers' Community Center, a new project involving the purchase of a building.

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Chicago report, 3/5/47

Re: [redacted]; IS-C

100-273528-15, p. 4

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On February 10 and 11, 1954, in Chicago, Illinois, [redacted] with CP front organizations, advised that everything went well when he was a member of the IWO until 1947, when the organization obtained a center (Du Sable Community Center) at that time, a group, which included Louise Patterson, "wormed" themselves into the center, gained control of the activities and proposed that the Center be sold to the Packinghouse Workers (Union). [redacted] said that the only one of the group whom he knew to be a CP member was Patterson, since she made no effort to hide her CP membership and she was identified as such in local newspapers. Another one of the group, [redacted] was an influential member of the IWO who had aligned himself with Louise Patterson.

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Chicago memo, 3/3/54

Re: [redacted] SM-C

100-409567-1, p. 3, 4

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In January, 1947, Louise Patterson suggested [redacted]  
[redacted] for the proposed Du Sable  
Community Center, in Chicago, Illinois, since [redacted] was a  
CP member. [redacted]

On 11/7/46, Gil Green, chairman of District 8, CP,  
and [redacted] discussed plans for launching the Congress of  
American Women on 1/5/47 at Hull House, Chicago. Three panels  
were to be set up and each was to present a plan for action.  
Louise Thompson and [redacted] were planning the panel per-  
taining to peace, democracy and the Negro.  
[redacted]

On 11/13/46, Patterson sat at the speakers' table  
during a luncheon of the Du Sable Community Center, Chicago.  
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Chicago report. 8/18/49

Re: [redacted] was.;

IS-C

100-74875-8, p. 13, 25, 36

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On 12/16/49, [redacted] former  
CP member, advised that in about February 1947, at a meeting  
of the Hyde Park Club of the CP in Chicago, it was decided  
that Louise Thompson Patterson would seek the office of Alder-  
man for the Fifth Ward and the Club would circulate petitions  
in order to get her name on the ballot. Patterson's name was

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not placed on the ballot. [ ] also stated that after the spring of 1948, for security reasons, meetings of the Newspaper Club of the CP were held at the homes of members and upon occasion at the Du Sable Community Center; of which Louise Patterson was director.

NY letter. 1/17/50

Re: [ ]

was.; [ ]

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100-365922-3, p. 4, 9

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On 12/12/49, [ ] CP member, advised that early in [ ] he was a member of the Hyde Parke Club of the CP in Chicago, and as such, had circulated petitions on behalf of Louise Patterson (for alderman from the Fifth Ward).

NY memo 12/23/49

Re: [ ]

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100-365922-2, p. 3

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This serial covered the activities of the Du Sable Lodge No. 751-IWO in Chicago, Illinois, for the period June 1946 to February 1947. The activities of Louise Thompson Patterson, as director of the Lodge, set out in detail in report, were briefly as follows:

In July she started the financial drive of the Du Sable Lodge to purchase a building, to be called the Du Sable Community Center, which the CP planned to purchase from the Lodge later. In connection with the drive, Patterson was in contact with CP officials, labor union leaders and leaders of Communist front organizations to get them to donate money toward the center. She also arranged luncheons

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and banquets, with prominent leaders to speak;  
to raise funds.

[redacted]

and [redacted]

Chicago report, 3/21/47  
Re: IWO, Chicago Field Division  
(Du Sable Lodge No. 751 - Negro);  
IS-C  
61-7341-9-410, p. 1-13  
(9)✓

On approximately 2/1/47, Gil Green, chairman of District 8, CP, asked William Weiner, reportedly in charge of various businesses and finances for CPUSA, in NYC, to give him (Green) an extension of six months on a loan that was made (date not stated) to Louise Patterson in the establishment of the Du Sable Community Center, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois. Weiner had not made the loan but was to contact the CP, which had advanced the money and to ask permission to give an extension on the loan.

[redacted]

NY report, 4/18/51  
Re: [redacted], was.;  
IS-C  
100-14778-97, p. 34  
(14)✓

In May 1947, Louise Patterson was interested in utilizing the services of the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, Illinois, in connection with a training program she hoped to institute for the Du Sable Lodge, IWO. Some of the topics to be taught were child care, child psychology, literature, and social problems.

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Chicago report, 1/12/48  
Re: Abraham Lincoln School; IS-C  
100-11507-398, p. 50  
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The following appeared on the administrative page of report designated below:

There appeared in the "Chicago Star", from 11/9/46 through 6/7/47, short biographies on various people, one of which was Louise Patterson, by Romaine Stearns (Horowitz). (Information contained in biography not given.)

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Chicago report, 4/28/50

Re:  wa.;

SM-C

100-369071-1, p. 6

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The NY Field Office album of prominent figures in the IWO, contained three photographs, dated 1940, 1945 and 1947, of Louise Thompson Patterson, national vice-president of the IWO. It also contained two group photographs in which Patterson appeared, captioned "General Executive Board, officers from 1938 to 1940", and "General Council of the IWO Elected by the 7th General Convention of the Order, 6/18/47".

NY memo, 2/25/53

with a photographic copy of  
above - mentioned album as  
enclosure

Re: IWO; IS-C; Internal Security

Act of 1950

61-7341-1352

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According to the 12/14/46 issue of the "Chicago Star", in an article captioned, "Chicago Women to Launch Congress Chapter at Hull House Parley", Louise Patterson was one of the sponsors of the Congress of American Women's (CAW) conference to be held on 1/5/47 in Chicago, Illinois. The conference would establish a Chicago CAW Chapter and was to unite women for action on peace and democracy; full equality for women; and improved child care and education.

Either in July or August, 1947, Louise Thompson attended a CP meeting at the Chicago CP headquarters to discuss the Chicago Chapter of the CAW. [REDACTED]

Chicago report, 8/18/47  
Re: Congress of American Women,  
Affiliated with Women's Inter-  
national Democratic Federation;  
IS-C; Registration Act  
100-34442-64, p. 4, 10  
(6)✓

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On 9/9/47, a mass meeting, sponsored by the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, was held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, Illinois. Louise Thompson Patterson spoke and drew an analogy between what happened in Spain in 1937 and the drive then taking place to enslave the American people. She pointed out that although "we did not stop them in Spain" it was necessary that "we stop them in 1947". [REDACTED]

Other information in this reference appears in serial 35, p. 7 of Patterson's main file.

Chicago summary rpt., 2/6/53  
Re: Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee  
Committee; IS-C; Internal Security  
Act, 1950  
100-7061-2132, p. 12, 16  
(12)✓  
SI paragraph 1 above;  
100-358440-7, p. 8  
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In the fall of 1947, the Abraham Lincoln School planned to open only its' South Side Annex, located at 4448 South Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois. The Du Sable Center, directed by Louise Patterson, was at that same address.

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Chicago letter, 10/17/47  
Re: Abraham Lincoln School;  
IS-C  
100-11507-395, p. 1  
(13)✓

In October 1947, William L. Patterson, vice chairman, CP District No. 8; Louise Thompson Patterson, and [redacted] of the Congress of American Women (CAW), decided that the CAW would occupy certain facilities of the Du Sable Community Center in Chicago, Illinois.

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Apparently in January 1947, Louise Patterson suggested in the presence of Gil Green, chairman of CP District No. 8, that [redacted] of the Du Sable Community Center. Prior to mentioning [redacted] for the position, Patterson had indicated that the person who filled the position must be a CP member.

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Chicago report, 11/2/49  
Re: [redacted] was.; SM-C  
100-337806-12, p. 5, 9  
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On 11/18/47, [redacted] was appointed (by whom not stated) [redacted] the IWO (in Chicago) while Louise Thompson Patterson, was away on leave.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 4/18/51

Re: [redacted] IS-C

100-41747-33, p. 5

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This serial covered the activities of Du Sable Lodge No. 751, IWO, in Chicago, Illinois, for the period of May to November 1947. The activities of Louise Thompson Patterson as executive secretary of the Lodge, set out in detail in report, were briefly as follows:

Patterson was a member of an interim board of directors for the Du Sable Center, which was reported to be a CP front organization. Newspaper articles quoted Patterson as saying "Our sponsoring committee knows that I am a Communist". Louise's husband, William Patterson, vice chairman, District 8, CP, stated that the Center was not allied with the CP. Patterson called a meeting of the Du Sable Lodge to work out a program to encourage labor unions to use the Center. She requested financial assistance for the Center from the CP through Gil Green, chairman, District 8, CP.

(Various newspaper articles,

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 10/25/48

Re: IWO, Chicago Field Division  
(Du Sable Lodge #751 - Negro);

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61-7341-9-443, p. 2-6

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In April, 1946, Louise Thompson was a member of the Jewish Commission of the CP. (A highly confidential informant)

In November, 1945, [redacted] of the Midwest Division, JPF0-IWO, arranged for [redacted] of the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship, to meet with Louise Thompson to work out details for a meeting of [redacted] with the IWO Nationalities Commission.

[redacted] was acquainted with Louise Thompson Patterson (date not stated).

Patterson attended the Illinois State Convention of the CP, District No. 8, held at the Ashland Auditorium, Chicago on November 28 to 30, 1947.

Chicago report, 1/26/49

Re: [redacted] was.; IS-C  
100-191300-4, p. 5, 11, 12  
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In 1948, Louise Patterson was a member of the advisory board of the Congress of American Women (CAW) in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted] of known reliability, who furnished a letterhead of the CAW;

In November, 1947, Louise Patterson and [redacted] of the CAW met with William L. Patterson, Vice Chairman of District 8, CP, to discuss the CAW taking over some space in the Du Sable Center (CP operated).

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Identifying data regarding Louise Thompson Patterson  
set out.

Chicago report, 6/9/50  
Re: Congress of American Women  
Affiliated With Women's Inter-  
national Democratic Federation;  
IS-C; Registration Act  
100-344442-226, p. 24, 34, 35  
(6)✓

In the early part of [redacted] was very  
active in the Du Sable Lodge of the IWO, and frequently they  
met with Louise Thompson Patterson.

On 5/7/46, Louise Patterson spoke at an IWO banquet  
in honor of Paul Robeson held at the YMCA, 3763 S. Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois. [redacted]

On 11/15/46, during a luncheon of the Du Sable Lodge,  
IWO, held in the Du Sable Community Center in Chicago, Louise  
Patterson sat at the speaker's table. The luncheon was held  
to collect pledges and contributions for the Center.

In October 1944, Patterson was in contact (reason not  
stated) with [redacted]

Identifying data regarding Patterson set out.

Chicago report. 4/8/48  
Re: [redacted] U. S. Department  
of Agriculture, Chicago, Illinois; LGE  
121-1500-6, p. 2, 6, 18  
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According to the letterhead of the National Negro Museum and Historical Foundation, Inc., 4859 South Wabash Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, in February, 1948, Mrs. Louise Patterson was a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 4/28/48

Re: [redacted]

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100-108-39, p. 7

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On 3/4/48, Louis Patterson attended an emergency citywide CP membership meeting held at the Du Sable Community Center in Chicago, Illinois.

[redacted]  
Chicago report, 12/1/48

Re: [redacted]

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100-35995-39, p. 3

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During 1947 and 1948, Louise Thompson Patterson was a paid employee of the IWO National Office in the Chicago Division.

On 5/28/48, Gil Green, chairman of CP District No. 8, Chicago, Illinois; Patterson; [redacted] of the IWO; and [redacted] (not identified), met to discuss future plans of the Du Sable Community Center (largest CP front organization on the South Side of Chicago).

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On 12/7/48 there was made available a pamphlet entitled "First Annual All Nations Tea and Festival of Du Sable Community Center", which set forth the information that Patterson was executive vice president of the Center.

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Chicago report, 6/16/49  
Re: IWO in the Chicago Field  
Division - Midwest Division;  
IS-C  
61-7341-9-481, p. 4, 6, 7, 96  
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This reference was a letter from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D.C., dated 12/22/50, requesting additional investigation in the [redacted] LGE case and enclosing a copy of the Regional Loyalty Board's Request for Further Investigation. The Loyalty Board's Request referred to the following information which had appeared in Chicago FBI report of 10/20/50: Chicago [redacted] provided information that Louise Patterson, aka Louise Thompson, also widely known as a Communist, was on one of the committees of the "All Nations Festival and Tea", featuring an art exhibit of the work of Morris Topchevsky, a well known Communist, on 8/8/48, Du Sable Community Center, Chicago.

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(According to Chicago FBI report of 10/20/50, which was serial 13 of reference file, [redacted] was [redacted])

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Serial described above  
121-23840-21, enc. p. 2  
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This serial set out general information regarding the Midwest Division, IWO, and JPFO, IWO, for the period March to November 1948. Activities of Louise Thompson Patterson, as president of the Midwest Division, IWO, set out in detail in report, were briefly as follows:

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During March, Patterson arranged for IWO assistance to the Packinghouse Workers, who were on strike. She also discussed with [redacted] of the National Youth Organization, IWO NYC, and [redacted] of the JPFO, the establishment of vocation camps and training centers for youths. Patterson marched and spoke during the May Day Parade of 1948.

[redacted]

Chicago report, 12/13/48  
Re: IWO in the Chicago Field,  
Division - Midwest Division -  
JPFO; IS-C  
61-7341-9-448, p. 7, 9, 19, 20, 32  
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On 11/14/48, the Women's Committee of the CRC held a meeting at the Woodrow Wilson Room, 116 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Louise Thompson Patterson spoke on civil rights and protested the alleged denial of civil rights to Communists and others.

[redacted] reliability not stated:  
[redacted]

Chicago report, 1/20/49  
Re: CPUSA, District 8, Chicago  
Office; IS-C  
100-3-14-3220, p. 29  
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[redacted] According to the records of the Chicago PD, [redacted] (a member of the Negro Commission of the CP, District No. 8) was [redacted] on a charge of [redacted] owned by Louise [redacted]

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Chicago report, 4/19/49  
Re: COMINFIL, American Veterans  
Committee; IS-C  
100-339008-216, p. 9  
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Early in February 1944, Louise Thompson Patterson suggested to [redacted] at the Abraham Lincoln School in Chicago, that she send invitations for the School's anniversary party to [redacted] (a [redacted])

On 12/21/48 [redacted] Chicago Civil Liberties Commission, Chicago, Illinois, advised that the Du Sable Community Center was the biggest CP project on the South Side of Chicago, and that Louise Patterson actually ran the Center.

Other information in this reference appears in serial 35, p. 7, of subject's main file.

Chicago report, 11/24/52  
Re: [redacted]  
SM-C  
100-396528-1, p. 6, 9  
(12)✓

In January 1949, [redacted] told Louise Patterson that [redacted] of the Russian Group of the IWO in Chicago, Illinois. [redacted]

Chicago report, 3/16/50  
Re: [redacted] was.; SM-C  
100-372665-3, p. 6  
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There appeared on a one-page typewritten letter, dated 1/5/49, addressed "Dear Comrade" from [redacted] [redacted], announcing a special enlarged meeting of the State Negro Commission on 1/10/49 (city not stated), a list of names of persons believed to be members of the Commission. The name of Louise Patterson appeared on the list.

[redacted]  
NY letter, 3/8/50  
With a copy of the above - mentioned letter as an enclosure  
Re: CPUSA, Negro Question; IS-C  
100-3-75-447  
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[redacted] and [redacted] was invited to a farewell testimonial dinner in honor of Louise Thompson Patterson to be given by the Du Sable Community Center on 2/6/49.

(Trash cover on apartment of [redacted]  
Chicago, Illinois)

Identifying data about Patterson set out.

Chicago report, 6/10/49  
Re: [redacted] SM-C  
100-329871-4, p. 7  
(6)✓

It was reported on 12/12/50 that the South Side Section of the CP, District 8, Chicago, Illinois, had been in difficulty for some time and the difficulty came to near scandal when Louise Patterson and her husband William L. Patterson were still in Chicago. Louise had attempted to run the activities of the South Side Section and that when anyone became critical of her activities in that regard, she would immediately go to her husband, a paid CP employee. Then William Patterson would reprimand or cause dis-

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comfort to the critical person. During that time Louise was frequently intoxicated and obnoxious and many South Side CP members became disgusted with the leadership of the Section. According to [redacted] a South Side Section member, the Pattersons had been sent to NY (early in 1949) not by accident, but rather to get them away from the South Side Section and out of District 8, because of the aforementioned situation in Chicago. [redacted]

Chicago report, 7/21/51  
Re: William Lorenzo Patterson, was.;  
IS-C  
100-39-154, p. 3  
(3)✓  
SI 100-42869-34, p. 4  
(8)✓  
SI 100-42869-39, p. 3  
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The 2/25/49 issue of "Flash", official paper of the Public Assistance Chapter, United Public Workers of America (UPW), Chicago, Illinois, contained a news item announcing that the Chapter had delegated its chairman to attend a testimonial banquet honoring Louise Patterson at the Du Sable Community Center on 2/6/49.

The testimonial dinner was sponsored by the Du Sable Lodge, IWO, as a testimonial to the services Patterson had rendered to the organization. [redacted]

Chicago report, 12/12/49  
Re: COMINFIL United Public  
Workers of America - CIO; IS-C  
100-344835-9-15, p. 30  
(20)✓  
SI as paragraph 1 and 2 above;  
100-334361-17, p. 1, 12  
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[ ] This reference covered the activities of [ ] National IWO official, who was frequently in Chicago on IWO matters. The activities of Louise Thompson Patterson, national IWO vice president, president of the IWO Midwest Council and executive secretary of IWO Du Sable Lodge No. 751, in Chicago, set out in detail in report, were briefly as follows.

Between 10/9/44 and 5/28/48, Patterson had conferred with [ ] regarding IWO matters approximately 12 times (dates set out in report). In addition, [ ] and Patterson had held meetings with CP functionaries in the Chicago area, and they in turn had contacted Patterson about matters pertinent to the CP and the IWO. Patterson arranged for IWO staff meetings to be held when [ ] was in Chicago.

According to the 4/1/49 issue of the "Daily Worker", Louise Patterson had arrived in NYC to join the staff of the Council on African Affairs.

Chicago report, 4/26/50  
Re: [ ] was.;  
IS-C  
100-773-111, p. 1, 5-12  
(20)✓

On 5/1/48, Louise Thompson Patterson spoke at the annual May Day rally, sponsored by the CP and held at Union Park, Chicago, Illinois.

According to Patterson, [ ] was, in January 1949, [ ] of the Italian unit of the IWO in the Chicago area.

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The Du Sable Community Center, Chicago, was owned and operated by the Du Sable Lodge of the IWO which was headed by Louise Patterson until 1949, when she moved to NY as an IWO official.

[redacted]  
Chicago summary report, 2/18/52  
Re: [redacted] wa.; SM-C  
100-104455-15, p. 5, 12, 14  
(11)✓

The 4/4/49 issue of the "Daily Worker", pages 4 and 8, carried an article by John Hudson Jones, captioned "Drive On Job Bias Set by Harlem Parley", which reported the following: Louise Thompson Patterson, Council on African Affairs, was present the previous Saturday, at a meeting of Negro and white CIO, AFL, independent unionists and community leaders. The meeting, sponsored by the Harlem Trade Union Council, was called to launch a city wide struggle to win jobs for Negroes.

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Newspaper clipping described  
above  
100-3-75-A  
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On 4/22/49, one [redacted] paid [redacted] to attend a luncheon held for Louise Thompson Patterson and [redacted] (CP sympathizer) at the Jumble Restaurant in NYC.

[redacted]  
Buffalo report, 1/30/52  
Re: [redacted]  
SM-C  
100-387823-1, p. 6  
(14)✓

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During the May Day Parade, 5/1/49, in NYC, Louise Compton Patterson, marched in the IWO unit and made a short speech before the reviewing stand in Union Square. In her speech, she called upon the various national clubs to fight for the issues involved as set forth in the May Day Parade, namely, "Peace, Economic Security and Democratic Rights."  
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Identifying data regarding Louise Thompson Patterson set out.

NY report, 7/15/49  
Re: United May Day Committee,  
aka. United Labor and People's  
Committee for May Day, United  
Committee for May Day 1949; IS-C  
100-16912-120, p. 56, 62  
(16)✓

According to the 9/22/49 issue of the "Daily Worker" Paul Robeson, chairman of the Council on African Affairs (CAA), was to leave on 9/23/49 upon a tour to Los Angeles, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Washington, D.C. and Philadelphia. He was to speak and sing at meetings arranged by local sponsoring committees in cooperation with the CAA. Lawrence Brown, his accompanist, and Louise Thompson Patterson, who was to work toward developing local chapters of the CAA, were to accompany Robeson.

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On 10/1/49, [redacted] of the Minorities Commission of the Los Angeles CP, was present in the (Paul) Robeson suite at the Dunbar Hotel (Los Angeles), together with Mrs. Louise Patterson.

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Los Angeles report, 11/1/49  
Re: Council on African Affairs;  
IS-C  
100-69266-199, p. 2, 8  
(21)✓

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The 10/8/49 issue of the "Cleveland Plain Dealer", page 6, columns 1-3, carried an item, captioned, "1,500 at Robeson Rally; All Quiet", reporting on the Paul Robeson rally held on 10/7/49 in Paradise Hall, Cleveland, Ohio. Robeson received a standing ovation when he appeared as Louise Patterson was supervising a collection of money. The rally was sponsored by the Committee to Welcome Paul Robeson and the National Council on African Affairs.

Newspaper clipping described above  
100-69266-A  
(21)✓

On 1/30/50, [redacted] of the Du Sable Community Center in Chicago, Illinois, advised that his difficulties in the CP had started (date not stated) when Louise Thompson Patterson was director of the Du Sable Center and was being assisted by [redacted] stated that all the decisions had been made and money spent without consulting any of the founders or members of the Board of Directors, and that he had not been fully convinced that all expenditures were made in a proper fashion. b7C

Chicago report, 3/28/50  
Re: [redacted] was.;  
SM-C  
100-338534-23, p. 2  
(10)✓  
SI 100-338534-22, p. 1  
(8)✓

An outline, dated 1/30/50, issued by the Bronx County Committee of the CP, captioned "Proposed Activities to Begin Now and to Continue in Connection With Negro History Week Celebrations", included the following:

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"To try to get speaking engagements for [redacted] who has just returned from the Women's International Democratic Federation gathering and from the New People's China. (Engagements may be made through Mrs. Louise Patterson, Council on African Affairs, 23 W. 26 St. (NYC))."

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[redacted]  
NY report, 6/14/50  
Re: CPUSA, District No. 2,  
NY Division; IS-C  
100-3-4-6853, p. 38  
(19)✓

Louise Patterson's name appeared on the March 1950 membership list of the IWO, Lodge No. 6914, NYC (Harlem), which she had joined in December 1933.

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NY memo, 5/3/50  
With copy of above - mentioned  
list as enclosure  
Re: IWO, New York Division;  
IS-C  
61-7341-34-590, encl. p. 13  
(15)✓

A letter dated 3/14/50 was addressed by [redacted] to Mrs. Louise Patterson, Council on African Affairs (CAA) NYC, which apparently was in reply to a previous inquiry in which [redacted] furnished the name of [redacted] Cedar Rapids, Iowa, as the woman to contact about the Iowa part of [redacted] tour (not described). [redacted] indicated he would talk with [redacted] in futhering the tour of [redacted]

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A letter dated 3/22/50, addressed to [ ] by Patterson, on the letterhead of the CAA, expressed her appreciation for furnishing [ ] name, but she advised that Iowa was not included on [ ] itinerary.

[ ] of known reliability:

Iowa)

Omaha supplemental summary report,

4/23/53

Re: [ ]

SM-C

100-143124-62, p. 2

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On 5/1/50, in NYC, Louise Thompson Patterson marched in the IWO unit of the (CP) May Day Parade.

[ ] who identified Patterson in photographs taken of parade.)

NY report, 12/29/50

Re: United May Day Committee, was.;

IS-C

100-16912-139, p. 22

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On 7/13/50, Mrs. Louise Patterson spoke to a group at the Mt. Sinai Church, Philadelphia, about starting a movement to establish a Philadelphia Council on African Affairs patterned after the one in NY. In her speech, Patterson denounced American aggression in Korea and spoke against the use of the atom bomb by the U.S. She said the U.S. would only use the bomb against a colored nation, never against any white race, therefore it was the group's duty to bring the truth to the people.

Philadelphia report, 2/9/51

Re: [ ] wa.; IS-C

100-251965-26, p. 16

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The "NY Compass" of 8/29/50, on page 5, carried an item captioned "Garden Falters on Renting for a Robeson Rally", reporting that the Council on African Affairs stated on 8/28/50 that its lease on Madison Square Garden for a 9/14/50 Paul Robeson concert and rally had been canceled. The Council quoted Ned Irish, a vice president of the Garden, as saying that the Mundt Bill, then before Congress, would make it illegal to rent the Garden to the Council. A delegation, including Louise Patterson, called on Irish informing him that the Mundt Bill did not prohibit such action.

Newspaper clipping described above  
100-69266-A

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SI 100-69266-A ("Daily Worker" of 8/29/50)

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According to the 11/2/50 issue of "Daily People's World", page 10, column 1, Louise Patterson of the Council on African Affairs (CAA) spoke to two dozen community leaders, Negro and white, the previous Sunday. She criticized President Truman's Point Four Program as an attempt to shackle the African peoples to Wall Street's war program. As a result of the meeting, a permanent committee of the CAA was set up in Los Angeles.

NY supplemental prosecutive summary  
report, 12/3/52

Re: Council on African Affairs;  
IS-C; Internal Security Act of 1950  
100-69266-264, p. 3

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